Power shortage in States

580. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether major States in the country are likely to face acute power shortage in the coming month;

(b) if so, what has been the magnitude of power shortage (Thermal and Hydro) in these States;

(c) whether any contingency plans have been drawn to meet the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The power generated from Hydel and Thermal sources in different regions is fed into the respective Regional Grids from where it gets distributed to the beneficiary States. The State-wise anticipated power supply position in the country during 1992-93 is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in the country are expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission & Distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas, etc.

Statement

Anticipated Power Supply Position during 1992-93

(Figs. in MU net)

Name of the State/System	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	%Shortage
1	2	3	4	5
Chandigarh	730	730	0	0
Delhi	10260	9919	—341	—3·3
Haryana	11100	10165	—935	—8·4
Himachal Pradesh	1645	2126	+481	+29·2
Jammu and Kashmir	3730	3536	—194	—5·2
Punjab	18730	18596	—134	—0·7
Rajasthan	14240	12874	—1366	—9·6
Uttar Pradesh	34105	29145	—4960	—14·5
Northern Region	94540	87091	—7449	—7·9
Gujarat	27645	26225	—1420	—5·1
Madhya Pradesh	22685	20559	—2126	—9·4
Maharashtra	45615	43741	—1874	—4·1
Goa	710	710	0	0
Western Region	96655	91235	—5420	—5·6

1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	26000	21638	—4362	—16·8
Karnataka	22000	16614	—5386	—24·5
Kerala	7750	7531	—219	—2·8
Tamil Nadu	25035	23438	—1597	—6·4
Southern Region	80785	69221	—11564	—14·3
Bihar	8170	4717	—3453	—42·3
DVC	7600	6342	—1258	—16·6
Orissa	8730	5683	—3047	—34·9
West Bengal	11775	11850	+75	+0·6
Eastern Region	36275	28592	—7683	—21·2
North-Eastern Region	3745	3297	—448	—12·0
All India	312000	279436	—32564	—10·4

Loadshedding in Delhi

581. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the Hindustan Times of the 27th June, 1992 captioned, "loadshedding a way of life for Delhites";

(b) if so, what are the reasons for frequent loadshedding by D.E.S.U. indicating the present demand in MW and actual supply position of power in Delhi;

(c) what steps Government have taken so far to strengthen D.E.S.U.'s power supply and also what checks are exercised over reported cases of power theft, usage of load more than the sanctioned one, overtransmission and distribution network; and

(d) the number of theft and other cases that have come to D.E.S.U.'s notice in 1991-92 and in 1992-93 and number of cases where action has actually being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): Yes, Sir.

(b) The power supply position in Delhi is by and large satisfactory. The present demand is about 1500 MW and adequate power is made available to DESU to meet its requirements. Load shedding on certain occasions becomes necessary to safeguard the system parameters of the Northern Grid against low voltage and low frequency conditions.

(c) and (d) Besides the plans for increase in generation, DESU is augmenting and strengthening its transmission/distribution system at various voltage levels to meet the increasing demand of electricity in Delhi. Raids against theft/misuse of electricity have also been intensified.

The number of cases of theft/misuse of electricity detected by DESU during 1991-92 and 1992-93 is as follows:—

Particulars	1991-92	1992-93 April-May, 92
(i) Number of checkings carried out	46004	2222
(ii) No. of case of theft/misuse of electricity detected	30108	1114
(iii) No. of FIRs lodged with police.	832	98